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(54) ELECTROSTRICTIVE EFFECT ELEMENT

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To prevent electrical insulation deterioration and thermal stress during process by reducing man-hour which is required for forming a glass insulation layer constituting an electrostrictive effect element.

CONSTITUTION: In a lamination-type electrostrictive effect element where a piezoelectric ceramic member and an inner electrode conductor layer are laminated alternately, press conductive films 2e1 and 2e2 are provided on a pair of opposing side surfaces of the electrostrictive effect element, a press conductive film is pressed and connected by external electrode conductors 5c1 and 5c2 to an internal electrode exposed end face at every other layer and alternately on each side surface. Since there is no process for forming the glass insulation layer, causes leading to insulation deterioration such as diffusion of silver into glass on formation of external electrode conductor conventionally and generation of crack within glass due to thermal stress can be eliminated, thus improving reliability of the insulation layer and preventing deterioration of the element and at the same time

reducing a process and hence man-hour.

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